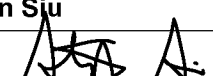
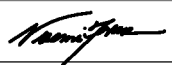


Request For Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal Address to: Mail Stop RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450	Application Number	09/383,038
	Filing Date	August 25, 1999
	First Named Inventor	Charles B. Schnarel
	Group Art Unit	2174
	Examiner Name	Steven Paul Sax
	Attorney Docket Number	117045.04

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above- identified application.
 Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR § 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application.

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114** Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).
- a. ☐ Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.
- i. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on **Month D1 D2 Year**
- ii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ **Enclosed**
- i. ☒ **Amendment/Reply (22 total pages)**
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement
- iv. ☒ **Petition for Extension of Time (1 mo.)**
- v. ☐ Other _____
2. **Miscellaneous**
- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(I) required)
- b. ☐ Other _____
3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.
- a. ☒ **The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 50-0463.**
- i. ☒ **RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) (\$790.00 total fee)**
- ii. ☒ **Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17) (\$330.00 total fee)**
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$ _____ enclosed
- c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY OR AGENT			
Name	Stephen Sju	Registration No.	48,303
Signature		Date	August 25, 2006

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